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Narrate a past event

TASK 1

a Un testimone, Mr Wilkinson, ha assistito all'incidente di Chris ed ora risponde alle domande di un poliziotto. Completa il dialogo seguente inserendo al posto giusto le battute di Mr Wilkinson fornite a destra. I due disegni in alto ti potranno essere di aiuto.

Policeman: Good evening, Sir. I'd like to ask you some questions if you don't mind.

Mr W.: _____

Pol.: First of all, what's your name, please?

Mr W.: _____

Pol.: O.K. Mr Wilkinson, did you see the accident?

Mr W.: _____

Pol.: I see. Were you on this side or on the other side of the road?

Mr W.: _____

Pol.: Well, what happened, then?

Mr W.: _____

Pol.: Yes, and what about the Mini?

Mr W.: _____

Pol.: Didn't he stop at the traffic lights?

Mr W.: _____

Pol.: Were the people hurt?

Mr W.: _____

Pol.: Thank you, Mr Wilkinson. Can you tell me anything else?

Mr W.: _____

– On this side.

– It came from Windsor Road. The young man was driving very fast and he didn't stop at the traffic lights.

– Not really. When you arrived they were phoning the police.

– Yes, of course.

– No, they weren't, but the Mini was damaged.

– Frank Wilkinson.

– Well, he tried to, but when he braked it was too late, so his car bumped into the Ford.

– Yes. It was about 9 o'clock and I was waiting for the bus.

– The Ford was at the traffic lights. The light was red, you know.

b Rileggi e controlla il dialogo in **a**.

c Interpretando la parte di Mr Wilkinson, descrivi l'incidente.
Guarda i due disegni a p. 259 ed usa queste frasi:

Last night, at about _____ , _____ was waiting _____ . I saw _____ .

The light was _____. Then a young man in a Mini _____ . He was

driving _____ and when he tried to _____ , it was too

_____ , so his car _____ . Fortunately the people _____

but _____ .

Ask and answer about past events

a Read carefully.

1. You and your family went to a restaurant last night but the food was not very good.

2. Your mother has just got her driving-licence. Yesterday she drove her car but she didn't see all the traffic lights.

3. Your father went to Tokyo last year and saw a Japanese film.

4. You were in a hurry yesterday. When you went out you turned off the light but you forgot to lock the door.

5. Tim came to your party last night and he ate spaghetti for the first time.

6. Your mother sent you to the grocer's yesterday but you forgot to buy the coffee.

7. The Coopers invited you for lunch yesterday but you didn't find their house.

b Abbina ad ogni domanda in A una risposta in B in modo da formare dei minidialoghi appropriati alle sette situazioni descritte sopra.

Esempio:

A: Did you go to a restaurant last night?
B: Yes, but we didn't like the food very much.

A	B
– Did the Coopers invite you for lunch yesterday?	– Yes, but I didn't lock the door.
– Did Tim come to your spaghetti party last night?	– Yes, but I didn't buy any coffee.
– Did your mother drive carefully yesterday?	– Yes, but we didn't like the food very much.
– Did you go to the grocer's yesterday?	– Yes, but I didn't find their house.
– Did you turn off the light when you went out?	– Yes, but she didn't stop at the traffic-lights.
– Did you go to a restaurant last night?	– Yes, but he didn't understand a word.
– Did your father see a Japanese film in Tokyo?	– Yes, but he didn't know how to eat the spaghetti.

Find out consequences What happened then?

TASK 3

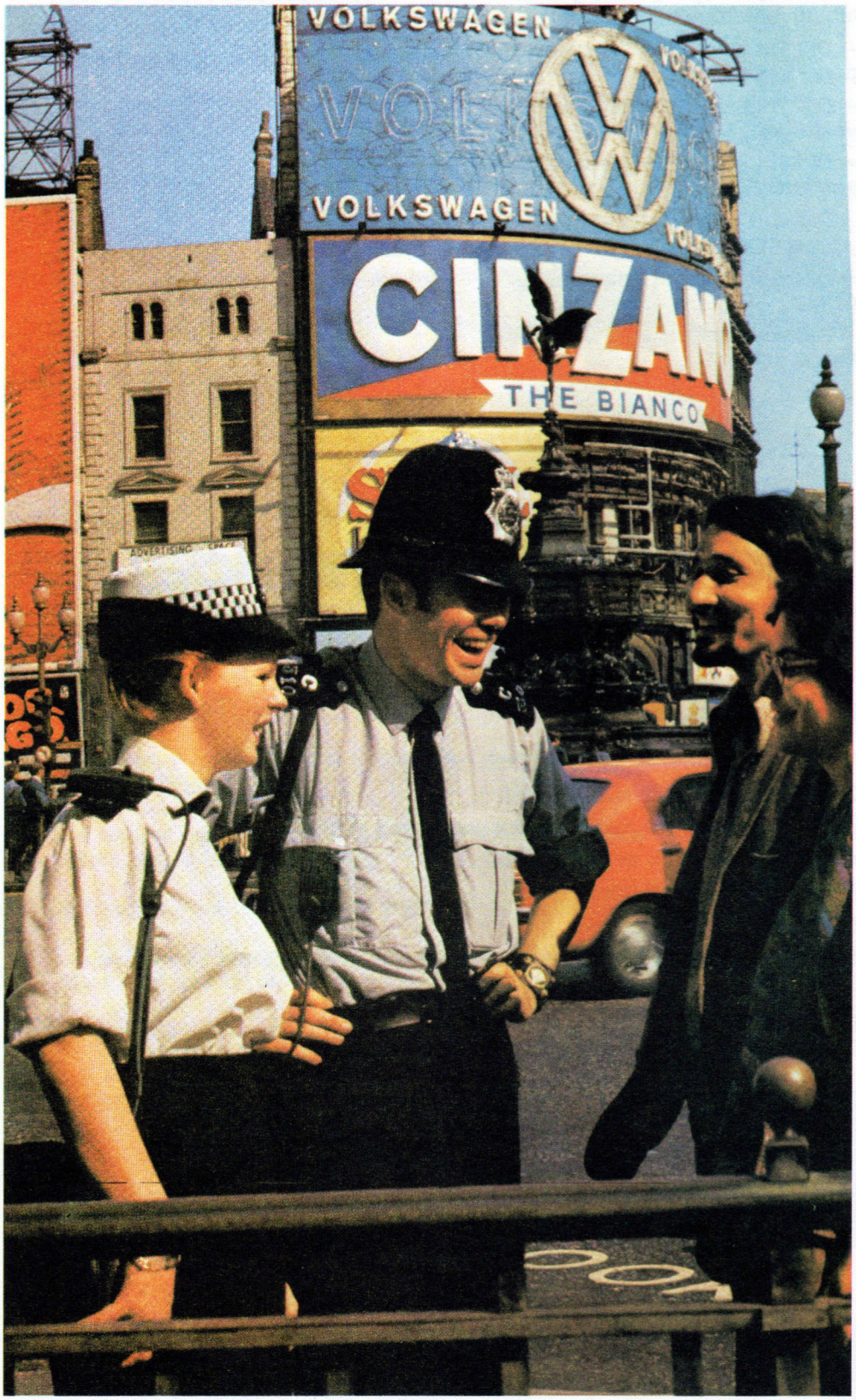
Ecco cosa è successo dopo gli avvenimenti descritti nei minidialoghi del Task 2, **b**:

1. We had supper at home again.
2. We only had milk at breakfast.
3. I had a terrible surprise when I went back home.
4. Well, I had lunch at a cafeteria.
5. She had a car accident.
6. Oh, we had a lot of fun!
7. He had some Japanese lessons in December and January.

Esercitati di nuovo a ripetere i minidialoghi del Task 2, **b**.
Questa volta, però, racconta anche cosa è successo dopo.

A: Did you go to a restaurant last night?
B: Yes, but we didn't like the food very much.
A: Really? What happened, then?
B: We had supper at home again.

LONDON'S METROPOLITAN POLICE



A policeman and a policewoman are talking to some tourists in Piccadilly Circus.

LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES

Reading & note-taking

Read the article and take notes on the following.

WHO was in the accident? _____	WHEN did the accident happen? _____	WHERE did the accident happen? _____
HOW did the accident happen? _____	WHO died in the accident? _____	WHAT injuries did Davies have? _____
WHAT injuries did the people in the van have? _____	HOW LONG was the traffic blocked? _____	HOW OLD is Davies? _____

John Davies in road crash!

One man dead

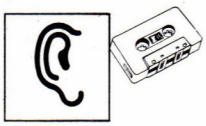
October 22nd, 1981
Yesterday a man died and John Davies was badly injured in a road accident. Davies, 26, known to millions as England's best tennis player, was driving home from the tennis court. It was about 7 p.m. and the traffic in High Street was going at about 30 m.p.h.
It was raining but Davies decided to overtake and so he did not see a van which was coming the other way. The driver of the van tried to brake but the brakes did not work on the wet road and there was a terrible crash. The car hit the van and a man who was walking his dog on the pavement was struck by the van and died. Davies was not seriously injured, although his nose was cut. The people in the van were badly bruised but they were not seriously hurt.
There was a terrible traffic jam and only at 10 p.m., three hours later, did the traffic start to flow again regularly.

Writing

Main idea	Details	Description of the accident	Consequences

Copia la tavola della pagina precedente. Decidi quale frase (o quali frasi) esprime l'idea più importante (*Main idea*) dell'articolo e scrivila nell'apposita colonna. Procedi poi allo stesso modo cercando di individuare le frasi che contengono i dettagli (*Details*), quelle che descrivono l'incidente ed, infine, quelle che descrivono le conseguenze dell'incidente. Scrivi tutte queste frasi nelle apposite colonne. Poi scrivi un breve articolo sull'incidente *evitando di indicare i dettagli.*

Listening



Listen to the "Radio News" and try to find out:

Type of accident	
Name(s) of people involved	
Name of the road	

LANGUAGE WORK

LW1

Chris was driving very fast. = Chris stava guidando molto velocemente.

Abbiamo già incontrato questa particolare costruzione al presente (v. Unit 25, LW1). Al passato, naturalmente si usano le voci del passato di **be**, (was/were) + verbo + **ing**.

a Completa questo brano inserendo in modo appropriato le parole date a destra.

Last _____ at about 9 o'clock, Mr Wilkinson was _____ for the _____ in High Street. He saw a Ford at the traffic _____ . The light was _____ . Then a young man in a Mini came _____ Windsor Road. He _____ driving very fast and when he tried to _____ at the traffic-lights, it was too late, so his car _____ into the Ford. Fortunately the people in the two cars were not _____ but the Mini was _____ .

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lights
night
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red
damaged
bus
brake
waiting

b Abbina le domande in A con le risposte appropriate in B.

A	B
1. What happened last night?	1. He was driving fast.
2. Where and when did the accident take place?	2. No, fortunately the people weren't hurt.
3. Were there any witnesses?	3. There was a car accident.
4. Was Chris driving fast or slowly?	4. No, it was a Ford.
5. Who caused the accident?	5. In High Street, at 9 o'clock in the evening.
6. Was the car at the traffic-lights a Mini?	6. Yes, but it was too late.
7. Did Chris try to brake?	7. Chris.
8. Was anybody hurt?	8. Yes, there was Mr Wilkinson.

LW2

He didn't stop at the traffic-lights. = Non si fermò al semaforo.

La forma negativa del passato si ottiene con **did not** (contratto in **didn't** nella lingua parlata) inserito fra soggetto e verbo.

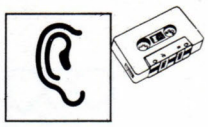
We had a car accident. = Avemmo un incidente automobilistico.

Il passato di **have** è **had**.

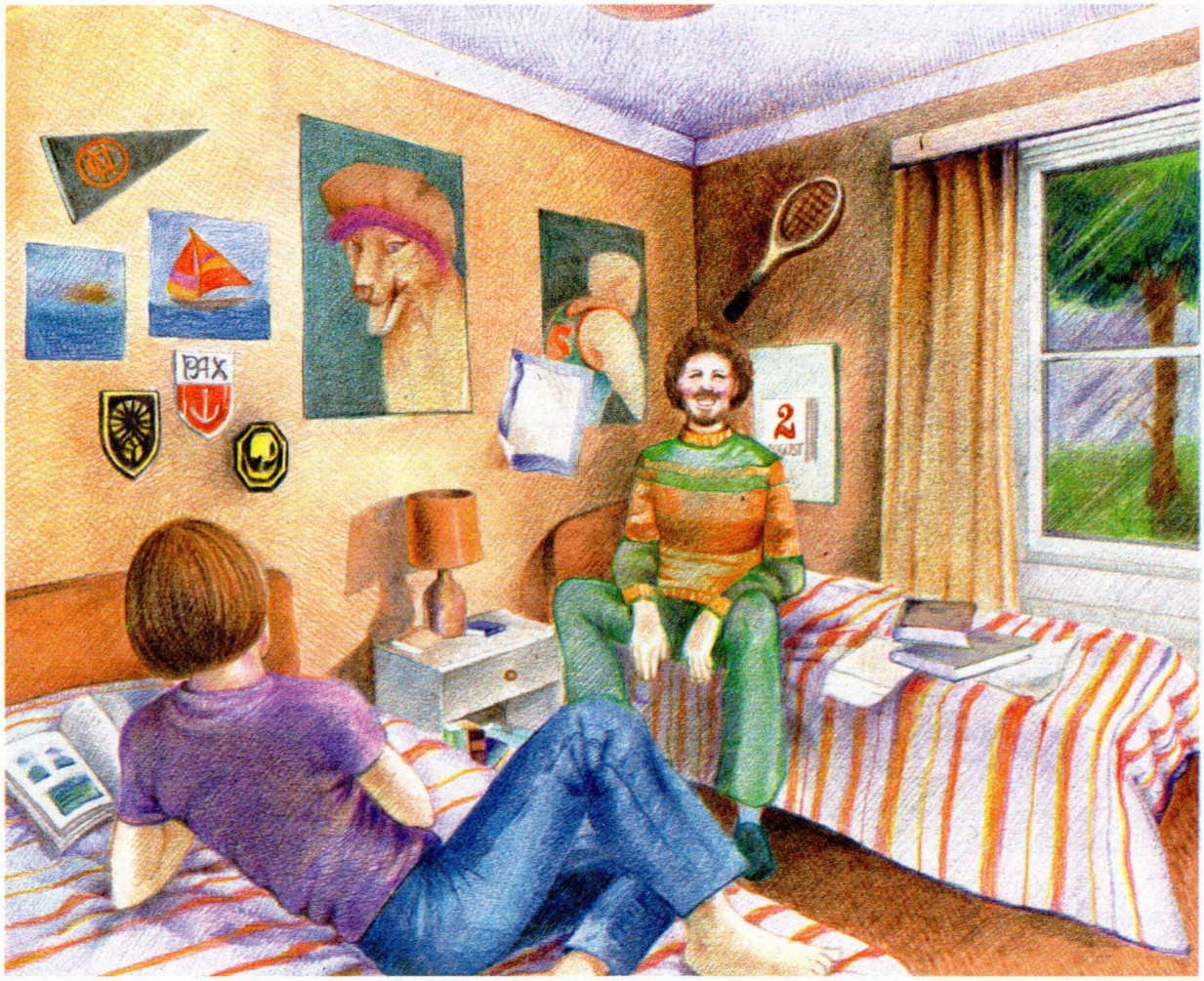
a Copia le descrizioni delle situazioni a p. 260 (Task 2, **a**) e fai seguire ad ogni descrizione il breve dialogo appropriato (Task 3).

b Completa queste frasi.

1. We didn't like the food very much, so we had _____ .
2. My mother didn't stop at the traffic-lights, so she had _____ .
3. My father didn't understand the Japanese film, so he had some _____ .
4. I didn't lock the door when I went out, so _____ .
5. I didn't buy the coffee at the grocer's, so _____ .



A PRESENT FOR TIM



JOHN: What's the date today, Chris?
CHRIS: The second of August.
JOHN: The second of August?
Oh, Tim's birthday is in August.
CHRIS: When's his birthday?
JOHN: It's on the 10th of August.
What can we get him?
CHRIS: How about a pair of tennis shoes?
JOHN: Er..., but he doesn't play tennis!
CHRIS: Does he play football?
JOHN: Yes.
CHRIS: Give him a pair of football boots, then.
JOHN: That's a good idea. But I must ask Peter and Carol first.

Learn to use the calendar

TASK 1

Read.

Months of the year	Dates	
January	1st = first	13th = thirteenth
February	2nd= second	14th = fourteenth
March	3rd = third	15th = fifteenth
April	4th = fourth	16th = sixteenth
May	5th = fifth	
June	6th = sixth	20th = twentieth
July	7th = seventh	21st = twenty-first
August	8th = eighth	
September	9th = ninth	30th = thirtieth,
October	10th = tenth	etc.
November	11th = eleventh	
December	12th = twelfth	

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	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	
M	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	M
T	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	T
W	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	W
T	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	T
F	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	F
S	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	S
S	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	S

	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	
M	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	M
T	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	T
W	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	W
T	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	T
F	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	F
S	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	S
S	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	S

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
M	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	M
T	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	T
W	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	W
T	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	T
F	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	F
S	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	S
S	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	S

Easter Day. 11 April

a Ask and answer:

What's the first day of the week? and the second? etc.
What's the first month of the year? and the second? etc.

A: What's the first day of the week?
B: It's Monday.

b

A: What's the date today?
B: (*Say today's date*)

Now read these dates.

Example:
22/10/1939 = The twenty-second of October nineteen thirty-nine.

19/1/1978	10/3/1981	7/6/1976	14/2/1980	25/7/1979
4/11/1975	1/4/1958	3/8/1964	25/12/1977	27/3/1974
5/5/1970	18/9/1972			

c Last year Mr and Mrs Cooper went on holiday to the U.S.A. They went on "A coast to coast trip" on page 175 (Unit 19) in this book. Read that itinerary again. Then take the role of Mr Cooper and tell your partner about your holiday in the U.S.A. For the Past Tenses of the verbs see page 391. Start like this: "The first day we went to New York. It was a Monday and we had a non-stop flight from Heathrow to...".

TASK 2

Talk about birthdays

Tim Bennet
Birthday: 10th August

A: When's Tim's birthday?
B: It's on August the tenth.

	Birthdays
Tim	August 10th
Carol	January 7th
Peter	October 22nd
John	September 5th
Janet	March 1st

	Birthdays
Mike	November 3rd
Chris	May 14th
Your birthday	_____
Your mother's birthday	_____
Your father's birthday	_____

Ask and talk about special occasions

TASK 3

a Some of the following are special occasions and others are holidays in Britain and the U.S.A. Can you fill in the table with the dates of some holidays/special occasions in Italy?

IN ENGLAND		IN THE U.S.A.	
New Year's Day	Jan. 1st	Independence Day	July 4th
St Valentine's Day	Feb. 14th	Labor Day	First Mon. in Sep.
April Fool's Day	April 1st	Columbus Day	Second Mon. in Oct.
Hallowe'en	Oct. 31st	Thanksgiving Day	Last Thurs. in Nov.
Guy Fawkes Night	Nov. 5th	Christmas Day	Dec. 25th
Christmas Day	Dec. 25th		
Boxing Day	Dec. 26th		

IN ITALY
St Valentine's Day _____
St Joseph's day _____
Independence Day _____
Labour Day _____
Anniversary of the Republic _____
Christmas Day _____
New Year's Eve _____

b Use the table in **a**.

Ask and answer following the example.

A: When's New Year's Day?
B: It's on January the first.

LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES

Reading & note-taking

Notices of births, marriages, deaths can be found in English newspapers every day. Read the ones published in the "Yorkshire Post" on August 8th, 1980 and take notes on the next page.

Who was born on July 22nd? _____

Who got married on August 2nd? _____

Who died on August 7th? _____

Who was born at North Tees Hospital? _____

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Notices of Births, Engagements, Marriages, At Homes, Deaths, In Memoriam, also acknowledgments are charged at 35p per line. They must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender. Engagements and Forthcoming Marriage Notices inserted following the Court Circular eight lines (minimum). £1 per line.
The signature of both parties must accompany Engagement Announcements.

190 BIRTHS

BERRY. – On August 5, 1980, to Carol (nee Carr) and Stephen, at Fulford Hospital, York, a daughter, Sarah Ann.

FARRAR. – To Mary and Robert, a daughter, Katie Louise, at St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, on August 7.

LORD. – July 22, to Heather (nee Love) and John, a son, Timothy David, at the Leeds Maternity Hospital. Many thanks to all involved.

QUINN. – On August 7, 1980, in Edinburgh, to Elizabeth (nee Seager) and Sean, a daughter, Amy, a sister for Damian.

WOOD. – August 5, at North Tees Hospital, to Ann and Richard, a son, Gareth James, brother for Nicholas.

194 ENGAGEMENTS

MR. R. FLOWER
MISS A. YEARSLEY

The engagement is announced between Alison, daughter of Mrs. P. Yearsley, Boston Spa, and Ricky, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Flower, of Blackpool.

MR. T. D. SPENCE
MISS P. R. E. CONNOR

The engagement is announced between Thomas David, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Spence, Red Hills Grange, High Common, Ripon and Penelope Rachel Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Connor, Studley Roger, Ripon.

196 MARRIAGES

MR. K. MARSHALL
MISS. M. MALLINSON

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 2, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, East Keswick, of Moira, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everard Mallinson, of "Thornhurst", Bardsey, and Keith, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. David Marshall, of Lea Croft, Clifford.

198 DEATHS

BESWICK. – On August 7, 1980, Marjorie Eleanor (formerly of York), peacefully at Knutsford, loved aunt of Judith and John, Funeral August 11, at 2.30 p.m. Altrincham Crematorium. Enquiries telephone Knutsford 51515.

HANDBY. – August 6, at 9, Chapel Lane, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, James, aged 70 years, beloved husband of Maisie and much loved dad and grand-dad. Service and private crema-tion at Skipton, on Monda August 11, at 11.30 a.m. Fam flowers only please. Donations lieu to Airedale Hospital App Fund.

HOLMES – On August 6, 198 his home, The Old R Grainsby, Lincolnshir Brannam Holmes. the beloved husl

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Sei sicuro di aver capito bene il dialogo che si riferisce al TASK 2 di pag. 252? Riascoltalo seguendo la trascrizione riportata qui sotto.

Testo della registrazione (p. 252)

Listen and write down in the diary in your book what Barbara did last week and when she did it.
At ten o'clock on Monday morning Barbara went to the hairdresser's to have her hair done.
At 1 o'clock in the afternoon she was at home. She had lunch at home and then helped Mrs Kelly with the washing up.
At half past six in the evening she met Chris outside the ABC cinema and went to the cinema with him to see « Murder on the Orient Express ».
At 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning Barbara went to the dentist's to have some fillings. She stayed there for a couple of hours. Then, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, she went to the supermarket to do some shopping.
After shopping she went home and had a rest.
At 6 o'clock in the evening Chris picked her up at home and took her to a Chinese restaurant in St. Mary's Road.
At half past eleven on Wednesday morning Barbara went to the bank to cash a cheque. Then she met Sue and went for a walk with her.
At 1 o'clock in the afternoon Barbara and Sue went to the station and Sue took the train to Edinburgh.
At 7 o'clock in the evening Barbara went to the disco with Chris. The music was very nice and they enjoyed themselves listening to the music and dancing.
At half past ten on Thursday morning Barbara took Carol to the zoo. Carol was very excited and enjoyed herself very much looking at the animals.
At 4 o'clock in the afternoon Barbara went to the park. It was a lovely day, so Barbara lay down on the grass and sunbathed.
At half past seven in the evening Barbara went to the theatre with Dr and Mrs Kelly. They saw « The Mousetrap », a famous comedy by Agatha Christie.
At nine o'clock on Friday morning Barbara went to the Post Office to post some letters and postcards.
At 5 o'clock in the afternoon Chris picked her up at home and they went to the cinema in the West End. At 8 o'clock in the evening, after the film, Barbara and Chris went to the pub and had a couple of beers.
On Saturday morning Barbara and Chris left for the weekend and went to the seaside. They came back on Sunday evening.